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1. BELIEVE AGENDA PROPOSED REFTEL FOR DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS REPRESENT GOOD COVERAGE OF UNEP MATTERS AND DEPARTMENT HAS NO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

2. RE ITEM D OF PROPOSED AGENDA, UNEP OZONE MEETING CLOSED MARCH 7 (VICE 9) WITH THE ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE "WORLD PLAN OF ACTION ON THE OZONE LAYER" AIMED ULTIMATELY AT CLOSING SEVERAL IDENTIFIED HIGH PRIORITY RESEARCH AND
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MONITORING AREAS. THIRTY-TWO COUNTRIES PLUS KEY INTER-NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATED. MEETING, IN US VIEW (AND, WE BELIEVE, UNEP'S), WAS A QUALIFIED SUCCESS. IT DEMONSTRATED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS SERIOUSNESS AND COMPLEXI-TY OF OZONE QUESTION. AS MEETING REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED TO GC V, A STILL WIDER AUDIENCE WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE ISSUES. IDENTIFICATION OF RESEARCH AND MONITORING GAPS

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WAS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE, BUT MOST KEY AREAS WERE NOTED.
REPORT RECOMMENDS CREATION OF "COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON
THE OZONE LAYER" WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY PROVE AN EFFECTIVE
VEHICLE FOR FOLLOWING UP ON THE ACTION PLAN, PARTICULARLY
SINCE NATIONAL REPRESENTATION (FROM COUNTRIES WITH "MAJOR
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACTION PLAN") IS
PROVIDED FOR.

3. USSR REPRESENTED BY YURI SEDUNOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF
OF HYDROMET. WHILE NOT AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT, HIS FEW
COMMENTS WERE CONSTRUCTIVE. AMBASSADOR MAY THEREFORE WISH
TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR SEDUNOV'S POSITIVE PARTICIPA-
TION. ALSO REQUEST THAT SOVIETS BE ENCOURAGED STRONGLY
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 26-28 MEETING ON THE REGU-
LATION OF FLUOROCARBONS, ALSO TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON.
INVITATION TO THIS MEETING SENT VIA EMBASSY MOSCOW IN
LATE JANUARY (STATE 11850), AND WE HAVE INFORMAL
INDICATIONS THAT THERE IS SOME INTEREST IN ATTENDING.
AT SAME TIME, WE CONCUR IN SEDUNOV'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO
HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND, PURPOSE, AND GOALS
OF APRIL MEETING AND WILL FORWARD SUCH MATERIAL TO SOVIETS
AND OTHER INVITEES IN NEAR FUTURE.
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